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## **GOP SENDS OPEN INVITATION FOR CORRUPTION TO RUN RAMPANT IN WISCONSIN**

**MADISON** – Wisconsin State Representative Mandela Barnes (D-Milwaukee) released the following statement regarding today's vote on the Assembly floor on proposals pushed by Wisconsin Republicans to allow more undue corporate influence in our government and more opportunities for corruption among our elected officials:

"Today, Assembly Republicans fully embraced the darkness of corruption by voting to rig the rules to line their own campaign pockets with shady special interest money and allow for more corruption to go undetected and unprosecuted.

"Everyone in the Assembly has an active campaign account for the 2016 election cycle, so I offered common-sense amendments would have delayed the implementation of these blatantly self-serving bills until the next election cycle. Assembly Republicans acted in blatant self-interest for their campaign committees by voting down my effort, so I recused myself from voting on ultimate passage of this outrageous proposal.

"Unfortunately, what we witnessed this week is just yet another example of a sustained assault on Wisconsin communities that hurts our local public schools, denies health care to our families, and makes our communities less safe and secure.

"It is clear that Assembly Republicans know that they have betrayed their constituents, and they are putting their own personal and political interests before the well-being of the neighborhoods and families they were elected to represent."

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